

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 4444, to Authorize Normal Trade Relations Treatment to China.

House Committees ordered reported 19 sundry measures, including the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4337–S4398

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2616–2629, and S. Con. Res. 117. **Pages S4378–79**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating Republic of Latvia: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 110, congratulating the Republic of Latvia on the tenth anniversary of the reestablishment of its independence from the rule of the former Soviet Union, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4395**

Bring Them Home Alive Act: Senate passed S. 484, to provide for the granting of refugee status in the United States to nationals of certain foreign countries in which American Vietnam War POW/MIAs or American Korean War POW/MIAs may be present, if those nationals assist in the return to the United States of those POW/MIAs alive, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4395–96**

Sessions (for Helms/Biden) Amendment No. 3171, to make certain technical corrections. **Pages S4395–96**

Legislative Branch Appropriations: Senate began consideration of S. 2603, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4341–58**

Adopted:

Bennett/Feinstein Amendment No. 3167, to make certain funds available for the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate until September 30, 2003. **Pages S4351–52**

Bennett/Feinstein Amendment No. 3168, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to solicit, receive, accept, and hold certain amounts in excess of \$14,500,000, but such amounts shall not be expended by the Architect without approval in appropriation Acts. **Pages S4351–52**

Bennett/Feinstein Amendment No. 3169, to establish the Center for Russian Leadership Development to enable emerging political leaders of Russia at all levels of government to gain significant, first-hand exposure to the American free market economic system and the operation of American democratic institutions. **Pages S4351–52**

Bennett/Feinstein Amendment No. 3170, to make a technical correction. **Pages S4351–52**

Pending:

Mikulski Amendment No. 3166, to express the sense of the Senate commending the United States Capitol Police. **Pages S4343–51**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for votes to occur in relation to the pending amendment and third reading of the bill, on Thursday, May 25, 2000. **Pages S4347, S4358**

Appointments:

Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Section 301(b) of Public Law 104–1, announced the

joint appointment of Barbara L. Camens, of the District of Columbia, and Roberta L. Holzwarth, of Illinois, to five-year terms on the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance. **Page S4396**

Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Thursday, June 1, 2000, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Page S4396**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 64 yeas 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 107), Bradley A. Smith, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission. **Pages S4359–64**

By 98 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 108), Danny Lee McDonald, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission. **Page S4364**

By 74 yeas 25 nays (Vote No. EX. 109), Timothy B. Dyk, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit. **Pages S4364–65**

By 63 yeas 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 110), Gerard E. Lynch, of New York, to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S4365**

By 83 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 111), James J. Brady, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana. **Pages S4365–66**

By 86 yeas 14 nays (Vote No. EX. 112), Mary A. McLaughlin, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S4366**

John Paul Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term of four years. (New Position)

Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term of six years. (New Position)

Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2005. (Reappointment)

Christopher C. Gallagher, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2003. (Reappointment)

Amy C. Achor, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2003.

Petrese B. Tucker, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania vice Thomas N. O'Neill, Jr., retired.

John Goglia, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2003. (Reappointment)

Marianne O. Battani, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan vice Anna Diggs Taylor, retired.

David M. Lawson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan vice Avern Cohn, retired.

Jay Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years.

Mark Reid Tucker, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Herschelle S. Challenor, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years. (Reappointment)

James D. Whittemore, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida vice William Terrell Hodges, retired.

Richard C. Tallman, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Thomas A. Fry, III, of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

N. Cinnamon Dornsife, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs), vice Alan Philip Larson.

Bobby L. Roberts, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2003. (Reappointment)

Michael G. Rossmann, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

Daniel Simberloff, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

Carol Jones Carmody, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2004.

Donald W. Horton, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

Mel Carnahan, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2005. (Reappointment)

Leslie Lenkowsky, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring February 8, 2004.

Juanita Sims Doty, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring June 10, 2004.

Gary A. Barron, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2002.

Alan Phillip Larson, of Iowa, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Joan R. Challinor, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2004. (Reappointment)

Jerome F. Kever, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2003. (Reappointment)

Virgil M. Speakman, Jr., of Ohio, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2004. (Reappointment)

Kathryn Shaw, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

E. Douglas Hamilton, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Edward B. Montgomery, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

Scott O. Wright, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring December 10, 2003.

Nathan O. Hatch, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006.

Thomas G. Weston, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus.

Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2005. (Reappointment)

Carey Cavanaugh, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service

as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh and New Independent States Regional Conflicts.

Christopher Robert Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

Marc Racicot, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2004.

Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2004.

John Antoon II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Phyllis J. Hamilton, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Audrey G. Fleissig, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Donnie R. Marshall, of Texas, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

Thomas N. Slonaker, of Arizona, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

Michelle Andrews Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Nicholas G. Garaufis, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York vice Charles P. Sifton, retired.

Donald Arthur Mahley, of Virginia, Donald Arthur Mahley, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Chemical and Biological Arms Control Issues.

Bruce Sundlun, of Rhode Island, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Manuel Trinidad Pacheco, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years. (Reappointment)

Steven S. Reed, of Kentucky, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Gregory G. Govan, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Chief U.S. Delegate to the Joint Consultative Group. (New Position)

Roger L. Hunt, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Kent J. Dawson, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Berle M. Schiller, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania vice Robert S. Gawthrop, deceased.

Richard Barclay Surrick, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania vice Lowell A. Reed, Jr., retired.

Jose Antonio Perez, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Central District of California for the term of four years vice Michael R. Ramon, resigned.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, Public Health Service.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—112) Pages S4364–66

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 25, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4397.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Gen. John A. Gordon, United States Air Force, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy, and two military nominations in the Army and Navy. Prior to this action, Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Gen. Gordon, (listed above), after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Domenici, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Mildred Spiewak Dresselhaus, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

Also, Committee resumed markup of S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and effi-

cient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability, but did not complete action thereon and recessed subject to call.

WATER AND POWER

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings on S. 2163, to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington, S. 2396, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Utah, to use Weber Basin Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, S. 2248, to assist in the development and implementation of projects to provide for the control of drainage water, storm water, flood water, and other water as part of water-related integrated resource management, environmental infrastructure, and resource protection and development projects in the Colusa Basin Watershed, California, S. 2410, to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978, and S. 2425, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project, Oregon, after receiving testimony from Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Randy Settler, Yakama Nation, Toppenish, Washington; Charles W. Garner, Kennewick Irrigation District, Kennewick, Washington; Gaye Lopez, Colusa Basin Drainage District, Woodland, California; Ivan Flint, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Layton, Utah; David McCarley, Langell Valley Irrigation District, Bonanza, Oregon; and Elmer McDaniels, Tumalo Irrigation District, Bend, Oregon.

COASTAL CONSERVATION AND REINVESTMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation that would use revenue generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas production to fund coastal conservation and restoration, and related activities, including related provisions of S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, S. 2123, to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact assistance to State and local

governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and S. 2181, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act to provide full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide dedicated funding for other conservation programs, including coastal stewardship, wildlife habitat protection, State and local park and open space preservation, historic preservation, forestry conservation programs, and youth conservation corps, after receiving testimony from Senators Cochran and Landrieu; Representatives Don Young, George Miller, Chenoweth-Hage, Shadegg, and Tauzin; Jamie R. Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; David Waller, Georgia Division of Wildlife, Social Circle, and Wayne Vetter, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, Concord, both on behalf of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; Rindy O'Brien, Wilderness Society, Rodger Schlickeisen, Defenders of Wildlife, Michael Hardiman, American Land Rights Association, and Rollin D. Sparrowe, Wildlife Management Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Charles R. Niebling, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, Concord.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Marc Grossman, of

Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Sarbanes, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded oversight hearings on the 1996 campaign finance investigations relating to the Independent Counsel Act and its application to campaign financing matters, after receiving testimony from Larry Parkinson, General Counsel, and Neil Gallagher, Assistant Director, National Security Division, both of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Lee J. Radek, Chief, Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division, all of the Department of Justice.

INDIAN FEDERAL RECOGNITION ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Richard L. Velky, Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, Kent, Connecticut; Louis Roybal, Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe, Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe, Las Cruces, New Mexico; Leon Jones, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, North Carolina; Mark C. Tilden, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado; and Arlinda Locklear, Knoxville, Maryland, on behalf of the Miami Nation of Indiana.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4528–4539; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 334–335, were introduced. **Pages H3812–13**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2559, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program (H. Rept. 106–639);

H. Res. 512, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2559, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen

the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program (H. Rept. 106–640); and

H. Res. 513, providing for consideration of H.R. 4461, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–641).

Pages H3763–H3804, H3812

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, May 23 by a yea and nay vote of 345 yeas to 54 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 224. **Pages H3651–52**

Normal Trade Relations Treatment to China: The House passed H.R. 4444, to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China by a recorded vote of 237 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 228. Agreed to amend the title. **Pages H3662–H3747**

Rejected the Bonior motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on Ways and Means and International Relations with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment that revokes normal trade relations with China if Taiwan is attacked or invaded by a recorded vote of 176 yeas to 258 noes, Roll No. 227. **Pages H3744–46**

Pursuant to the rule, the House agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 106–636.

The House agreed to H. Res. 510, the rule that provided for further consideration of the bill by a yea and nay vote of 294 yeas to 136 nays, Roll No. 225. **Pages H3652–62**

Office of Compliance Board of Directors: The Chair announced the joint appointment by the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate of Ms. Barbara L. Camens of Washington, D.C. and Ms. Roberta L. Holzwarth of Rockford, Illinois to the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance. **Page H3662**

Commending Israel For Its Withdrawal From Southern Lebanon: The House completed debate on H. Con. Res. 331, commending Israel's redeployment from southern Lebanon.

Further proceedings will resume on May 25.

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:41 p.m. **Page H3763**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:42 p.m. and reconvened at 12:32 a.m. **Page H3804**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H3652.

Referrals: S. Con. Res. 116 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H3805**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H3814.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 226), two yeas and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3651–52, H3661–62, H3711, H3745–46, and H3746–47.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:34 a.m. on Thursday, May 25.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

PREDATORY LENDING PRACTICES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Predatory Lending Practices. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Gary Gensler, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance; Ellen S. Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; and John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency; Bill Apgar, Assistant Secretary, Housing-FHA Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Edward Gramlich, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Donna Tanoue, Chairman, FDIC; David Medine, Associate Director, Division of Financial Practices, FTC; Andrew G. Celli, Bureau Chief, Civil Rights, Office of the Attorney General, State of New York; and public witnesses.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S FINANCIAL RECORDS

Committee on the Budget: Education Task Force held a hearing on "Education Department Fails Accounting 101: The Department of Education's Unreliable Financial Records." Testimony was heard from Gloria L. Jarmon, Director, Civil Audits, GAO; Lorraine Lewis, Inspector General, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL PARKS—CONCESSION CONTRACTS

Committee on the Budget: Natural Resources and the Environment Task Force held a hearing on "Management Failures at the National Parks, Oversight Weaknesses with Concession Contracts." Testimony was heard from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director, Operations and Education, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on National Energy Policy: Ensuring Adequate Supply of Natural Gas and Crude Oil. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration;

and Melanie Kenderdine, Acting Director, Office of Policy; and public witnesses.

DOD CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on "DoD Chemical and Biological Defense Program: Management and Oversight." Testimony was heard from Kwai-Cheung Chan, Director, Special Studies and Evaluations, GAO; and Anna Johnson-Winegar, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary, Chemical/Biological Defense, Department of Defense.

COMMENDING ISRAEL'S REDEPLOYMENT FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following resolution and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that it be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 331, commending Israel's redeployment from southern Lebanon.

U.S. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: First Annual Report. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: Rabbi David Saperstein, Chair; Elliot Abrams and Nina Shea, both Commissioners.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3048, amended, Presidential Threat Protection Act of 1999; H.R. 4108, amended, Secure Our Schools Act; H.R. 4391, Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act; H.R. 3489, amended, Wireless Telecommunications Sourcing and Privacy Act; and S. 1515, Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: S. 1211, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner; S. 1629, Oregon Exchange Act of 2000; H.R. 1775, amended, Estuary Habitat Restoration Partnership Act of 1999; S. 1892, to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture; H.R. 3023,

amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey property to the Greater Yuma Port Authority of Yuma County, Arizona, for use as an international port of entry; H.R. 3176, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine ways of restoring the natural wetlands conditions in the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii; H.R. 3291, amended, Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act; H.R. 3292, amended, to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; H.R. 3468, Duchesne City Water Rights Conveyance Act; H.R. 3535, amended, Shark Finning Prohibition Act; H.R. 3999, amended, Virgin Islands and Guam Constitutional Self-Government Act of 2000; H.R. 4132, to reauthorize grants for water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984; and H.R. 4435, to clarify certain boundaries on the map relating to Unit NCO1 of the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS 2001

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 4461, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill), except as specified in the rule. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone a request for a recorded vote on any amendment and reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be fifteen minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

CROP INSURANCE CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2559, Agricultural Risk Protection

Act, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Combest.

QUALITY HEALTH-CARE COALITION ACT

Committee on Rules: Held a hearing on H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representatives Thomas, Campbell, Coburn and Conyers.

U.S. BILATERAL SPACE LAUNCH TRADE AGREEMENTS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on U.S. Bilateral Space Launch Trade Agreements. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ONLINE MUSIC

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on "Online Music: Will Small Music Labels and Entrepreneurs Prosper in the Internet Age?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OBSOLETE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION VESSELS DISPOSAL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the Disposal of Obsolete Maritime Administration Vessels. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Bonnie M. Green, Deputy Administrator, Inland Waterways and Great Lakes, Maritime Administration; and Thomas J. Howard, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Maritime and Departmental Programs; Rear Adm. Anthony W. Lengerich, USN, Director, Industrial Capability, Maintenance Policy and Acquisition Logistics Division, Department of the Navy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D506)

H.R. 2412, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 South Harrison Street in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as the "E. Ross Adair Federal Building and United States Courthouse". Signed May 22, 2000. (P.L. 106-203)

S. 2370, to designate the Federal building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse". Signed May 23, 2000. (P.L. 106-204)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold hearings on the competition and innovation in the credit card industry, focusing on the consumer and network level, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine a Federal Trade Commission survey of Internet privacy policies, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings to examine the outlook for America's natural gas demand, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings on the potential ban on snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the recent decision by the Department of the Interior to prohibit snowmobile activities in other units of the National Park System, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine the issuance of semipostal stamps by the U.S. Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Public Health, to hold hearings to examine gene therapy issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine internet security and privacy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

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Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the following appropriations for fiscal year 2001: Defense; and Interior, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Nigeria in Transition, 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Housing and Infrastructure Task Force, hearing on "Lack of Income Verification in HUD Assisted Housing", the Need to Eliminate Overpayments, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled: "Enforcing the Laws on Internet Pharmaceutical Sales: Where are the Feds?" 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, oversight hearing on the deployment of broadband technologies, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4504, Higher Education Technical Amendments of 2000; and H.R. 4079, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a comprehensive fraud audit of the Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on “The United States Copyright Office and Sound Recordings as Work for Hire,” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on “Breaches of Security at Federal Agencies and Airports,” 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on “The Status of Regulations Implementing the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998,” 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development of the Committee on Armed Services, joint oversight hearing on the Ocean Research Advisory Panel report, An Integrated Ocean Observing System: A Strategy for Implementing the First Steps of a U.S. Plan, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Snowmobile Recreation in National Parks, particularly Yellowstone National Park, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, to mark up the following: the New Markets Venture Capital Program of 2000; and H.R. 4464, to amend the Small Business Act to authorize the Administrator of the Small Business Administration

to make grants and to enter into cooperative agreements to encourage the expansion of business-to-business relationships and the provision of certain information, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Future of the Small Community Essential Air Service Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, to mark up H.R. 4210, Preparedness Against Terrorism Act of 2000, 1:45 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense joint pharmacy procurement, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 8, Death Tax Elimination Act, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Global Developments, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine elections, democratization and human rights in Azerbaijan, 2 p.m., 2255, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2603, Legislative Branch Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001, with votes to occur in relation to the Mikulski Amendment No. 3166 and third reading of the bill.

Also, Senate may consider the conference report on H.R. 2559, Agricultural Risk Protection Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday May 25

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of conference report on H.R. 2559, Agricultural Risk Protection Act (rule waiving points of order, one hour of debate);

Consideration H.R. 4461, Agriculture Appropriations 2001 (rule only);

Consideration of H.R. 3916, Repeal of telephone excise tax (closed rule, one hour of debate).

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